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Dear Mr. Sakashita:


Thank you for your letter of December 18, 2007, to Administrator Johnson, enclosing a petition for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to revise the pH water quality criteria and publish guidance to address ocean acidification. The Administrator requested that I reply directly to you.

Your petition and its supporting documentation will require careful review before the Agency reaches a decision. We recently began the review of your petition and the supporting documents, and will follow up with you when we complete our analysis.

Please feel free to contact me on this issue should you have any additional questions. You may reach me at (202) 566-1117.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Edward V. Ohanian", is written over the typed name.



Edward V. Ohanian, Director
Health and Ecological Criteria Division